

Amendments to the specification:

At page 1, line 10, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention relates to an optical receiver and its holding apparatus and arranging method.

At page 1, line 14, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

Optical receiver apparatus have ben widely utilized as an elemental technology and play an important part in optical communications together with optical transmitters. It is necessary for such an optical receiver to receive and process a large capacity of data at a high speed, thereby inevitably increasing its dissipation. Therefore, demands for lower dissipation have recently been increasing from the viewpoints of protecting environments, reducing the running cost, and so forth.

At page 2, line 13, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

Therefore, it is an object of the present invention to overcome the above-mentioned problem, and provide an optical receiver exhibiting a high receiving capability and a low dissipation, and its holding apparatus and arranging method.

At page 6, line 12, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention provides a holding apparatus for an optical receiver, the holding apparatus comprising first holding means for holding an output end for outputting signal light

having a divergence greater than the first photosensitive region, and second holding means for holding the optical receiver according to claim 1 such that the first photosensitive region is positioned on the optical axis of the signal light. Also, the present invention provides a method of arranging an optical receiver, the method comprising a first arranging step of arranging an output end for outputting signal light having a divergence greater than the first photosensitive region, and a second arranging step of arranging the optical receiver according to claim 1 such that the first photosensitive region is positioned on the optical axis of the signal light.

At page 8, line 9, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

The optical receiver in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, and its holding apparatus and arranging method will be explained with reference to the drawings. First, the configuration of the optical receiver in accordance with this embodiment will be explained.

Fig. 1 is a block diagram of the optical receiver in accordance with the embodiment.

At page 12, line 21, please replace the paragraph with the following paragraph:

The mode of use of the optical receiver 10 (a holding apparatus and arranging method of the optical receiver in accordance with this embodiment) will now be explained. The optical receiver 10 is used in the mode shown in Fig. 4, for example. Namely, the optical receiver 10 is used while being arranged such that its lens part 36a faces the exit end of a plastic optical fiber 100 which propagates the signal light. Here, a tip portion of the plastic optical fiber 100 is provided with a ferrule 102 for protecting the tip portion, and further with a fiber connector 104.

The positioning of the optical receiver 10 with respect to the exit end of the plastic optical fiber 100 is effected by inserting the fiber connector 104 and the optical receiver 10 into a fiber connector groove and an optical receiver groove which are formed in a receptacle 106.

At page 21, line 13, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

In the holding apparatus and arranging method of an optical receiver in accordance with the present invention, since the optical receiver is arranged such that the first photosensitive region is positioned on the optical axis of signal light having a divergence greater than the first photosensitive region, the signal light aimed at controlling the operating current or operating voltage can easily be detected by the second photosensitive region.